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SUBJ: CSCE: FOLLOW-UP: CZECHS PROPOSE OPEN-ENDED, INFORMAL WORKING
GROUP TO BREAK DEAD-LOCK

REF: GENEVA 4419

1. AT FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE MEETING JUNE 17, SOVIET DELEGATION
ASSOCIATED USSR WITH COMPLAINTS VOICED BY NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS
AT COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING ON JUNE 12 OVER THE LACK
OF PROGRESS IN BASKET IV. SOVIET REP PETROVSKY STRESSED THAT
CONTINUING STANDSTILL ON FOLLOW-UP WAS ALL THE MORE DISTURBING
IN VIEW OF PROGRESS NOW MADE IN OTHER BASKETS, AND GAVE
SPECIAL EMPHASIS TO IMPORTANCE MOSCOW ATTACHES TO THE
"POLITICAL DIRECTION" WHICH FOLLOW-UP SHOULD HAVE.

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2. SOVIET STATEMENT WAS IMMEDIATELY SUCCEEDED BY CZECH PRESENTATION PROPOSING AN INFORMAL, OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP TO ATTEMPT TO BREAK THE PRESENT FOLLOW-UP DEAD-LOCK. WHILE REITERATING OTHER ASPECTS SOVIETS STATEMENT, CZECHS INTERESTINGLY DID NOT REPEAT NOT ECHO SOVIET EMPHASIS ON "POLITICAL DIRECTION" OF FOLLOW-UP, BUT STRESSED TWICE THAT THEY CONSIDERED THAT FOLLOW-UP SHOULD BE CONFINED TO "FRAMEWORK OF THE BLUE-BOOK," I.E., "TO THE LIMITS ESTABLISHED FOR THIS CONFERENCE." (COMMENT: WE HAVE NOTICED THE SAME DIFFERENCE IN EMPHASIS IN OUR OWN RECENT CONTACTS WITH SOVIET AND CZECH DELEGATIONS. THE LATTER, INCLUDING THE HEAD OF THE CZECH DELEGATION, CLAIM TO BE UNAWARE OF ANY WARSAW PACT INTEREST IN "POLITICIZING" THE FOLLOW-UP.)

3. FOLLOWING A PRIOR AGREEMENT REACHED WITHIN THE NATO CAUCUS, THE EC-NINE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO THE CZECH SUGGESTION TO FORM AN INFORMAL WORKING GROUP, ALTHOUGH THE FRENCH WANT TO CONFINE ITS AGENDA TO SPECIFIC ISSUES. BECAUSE THE EC-NINE'S DECISIONS AT DUBLIN ARE NOT YET KNOWN, THE FIRST MEETING OF THIS INFORMAL GROUP IS NOT LIKELY TO BE CALLED UNTIL END OF WEEK. IT WILL BE PRECEDED BY A FURTHER NATO CAUCUS ON FOLLOW-UP TO CONSIDER DUBLIN RESULTS, AS WELL AS BY AN INFORMAL MEETING OF SELECTED WESTERN DELEGATIONS WITH THE NEUTRALS ON JUNE 19.

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